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SUBJECT: TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS

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1. OSOT KOSIN RESPONDED VERY NEGATIVELY TO INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL A) THAT US DELEGATION HOPED TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL DURING "TOUR D'HORIZON" AT END AUGUST. STATED HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED PM IN WRITING OF US DESIRE TO DISCUSS BILATERAL TEXTILE RELATIONS AT END OF AUGUST BUT NOT TO NEGOTIATE AT THAT TIME. FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT PM "NOT IN GOOD MOOD" AND THAT OSOT AS RESULT WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO INFORM HIM USG DELEGATION NOW WANTED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS AT END OF MONTH.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTION OF WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME, OSOT STATED THE OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS FOR "TOUR D' HORIZON" ON AUGUST 27 VERY ACCEPTABLE TO THAI SIDE. SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING AT LATER DATE TO FLY TO WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND THEREBY OBVIATE NEED FOR US OFFICIALS TO RETURN TO BANGKOK.

3. AGAINST HISTORY OF RELATIONS WITH OSOT KOSIN IN LATER 1971 IN PREPARATION FOR COTTON BILATERAL SIGNED MARCH 172, PERSONAL MANNER IN WHICH HE APPROACHES
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THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND PREOCCUPATION OF MINISTRY OF

COMMERCE IN GENERAL AND OSOT AND KOSIN IN PARTICULAR WITH
DOMESTIC RICE PROBLEMS, EMBASSY URGES THAT END OF
AUGUST MEETING BE LIMITED TO "TOUR D'HORIZON" AS
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN REFTEL B.
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